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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING §371 NATIONAL STAGE
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 3, 7-8, 17, and 20-24 without disclaimer or
prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of
these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

This application is a §371 national stage of PCT International
Application No. PCT/US01/16007, filed 9 June 2000, designating
the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part
and claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/329,917, filed June
10, 1999. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT
International Application No. PCT/US01/16007, is pending today
in the United States of America pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §363, and
the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in
fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.